LOCAL EPWORTHIANS

Mass Meeting of the League of This Important Organization.

BRIGHT, ACTIVE CHRISTIAN WORKERS

Uniting the Efforts of the Young People of the Methodist Church.

THREE YEARS OF UNION

There is to be a gathering of Epworthians next Monday night at Hamline M. E. Church, corner 9th and P streets. As every one is aware that is at all familiar with active Christian work here in the District. as well as throughout the country, the Epworthlans are members of the Epworth League, an organization which has its branches in all parts of the country and which represents to a large degree the active element among the young in that denomination. Every now and then the members of the Epworth chapters in the various churches of the city represented in the District Epworth League, find expression for some of their abounding energy and enthusiasm by holding a mass meeting. That is what is going to be done on Monday and as usual an extremely interesting program has been aranged. Perhaps there will be room to hold all the Epworthians and friends who will want to attend the meeting, for Hamline Church has a spaclous auditorium, but in any event those who get in will find that there is lots of erts, has been connected with the Douglas go and life about a meeting of the Epworth Memorial League since its organization. League.

The program does not assign a single minute to duliness. There is to be singing by the District Epworth League Choir, the first appearance of that organization, and then if the congregation is not satisfied with the way that this picked band of the tion. young Methodist singers of the District manage the melodies and the harmonies of the Methodist hymnary they will be given a chance to do some singing on their own ecount, which is a fair and reasonable arrangement. There is to be an address of welcome on the part of the pastor of the church, Rev. E. S. Todd, D. D., and the president of the league, Prof. C. M. Lacey Sites, will respond. Reports will be made by the presidents of chapters and an ad-dress will be delivered by Rev. George El-llot, D. D. A song and testimony service will be conducted by Mr. James E. Pugh, and according to the prompt methods which the young people have of carrying or their meetings the benediction is to be pronounced at 9:30. Not Three Years Old.

The District League, under the auspices of which the mass meeting will be held, was started on the road to organization some three years ago. In fact it was just three years ago today when a small number of young people of this city gathered in Wesley Chapel M. E. Church to organize a district Epworth League. The Epworth League had become the young people's society of the Methodist church and the young people here, appreciating the truth of the old saying that "in union there is strength." felt convinced that union there is strength," felt convinced that a uniting of the Epworth Leagues of this conference district would mean extra strength and better work for each league

individually.

The organization was effected January 12, 1891, the prime object being to promote Christian fellowship and work among the young people of the District. The constitution adopted admitted any approved young people's society of a Methodist church in the District, whether it was Epworth League, Christian Endeavor, Young People's Union or a similar society. A meeting of the board of control is held once a month. At this meeting every league in the District this meeting every league in the District is represented, plans for league work are discussed, general ideas are exchanged and any help that can be given one league by another is given. A consecration meeting is held monthly and entertainments of a social character are held during the winter. The First Officers.

The first president was Dr. Wm. C. Woodward. Other duties claimed Dr. Woodward's time to such an extent that he was obliged to resign shortly after his election. Mr. G. W. F. Swartzell was elected to fill the vacancy. The other officers were: Second vice president, Edward M. Hall; third vice president, Edward M. Hall; third vice president, J. Millard Fisher; fourth vice president, Chas. E. Roberts; secretary, Miss Fannie A. Meeks; treasurer, Mr. John T. Meany. These officers served with success, and when they were relieved from the duties of office the league was going ahead at a great rate.

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A district convention is held annually. The first was held in Wesley Chapel and the second and third in McKendree. The reports rendered at the conventions have shown a steady incress; e in membership each year. From a mintership of less than 1.000 we have increased to over 2,000. Though not quite three years old, the league is fast accomplishing the object for which it was organized, and now all the young people's societies in the Methodist churches of the city are represented in the District League. District League. The Present Officers.

The present corps of officers are efficient and active, and the prospects of the league are bright and encouraging.



District League, is well known as principal of the Eastern High School. He was born in China, his perents being missionaries there, but he spent most of his boyhood in this city, under the care of his aunt, Mrs. A. P. Lacey. He graduated from the Washington High School in 1883 and from the Ohio Wesleyan University in 1887. Mr. Sites is also president of the chapter at Metropolitan Church, where he is an active worker.



James E. Pugh, the first vice president Is also the secretary of the Y. M. C. Assodation of this city, and, while he is en-

gaged heart and soul in the undenominational work of the association, he has his church home at Foundry M. E. Church, where he is a teacher in the Sunday school. and keeps in touch with the young people in the Epworth League work. He is in charge of the spiritual work of the league and arranged for the mass meeting to be held on Monday night, as well as in visi-



Miss Perry. Miss Perry has also been president of the



The third vice president, Charles E. Rob-He is a teacher in the Sunday school and trustee of the church, and also superintendent of a summer Sunday school at Fair-fax, Va. He was a delegate to the sixth general conference district league conven-tion at Chattanooga, Tenn., in November, 1891, and acted as secretary of the conven-



F. T. Israel.

The secretary, Frank T. Israel, was a charter member and first vice president of the Benkelman, Neb., Epworth League, organized in January, 1890, and he also was a charter member and president of the Epworth League in Culbertson, Neb., organized in April, 1890. Coming to this city in June, 1800, he united with McKendree M. E. Church, taking an active interest in all departments of church work. He was one of the delegates to the organization of the District Epworth League, was elected treas-urer of the McKendree chapter in September, 1893, and to the secretaryship of the District league November 22; 1893.



Miss Annie K. Roller, the treasurer, is a member of the Fifteenth M. E. Church. She is a Sunday school teacher and organist, vice president of the Junior Temperance far from good, but who delighted in adding League, secretary of the Woman's Home to their unsavory reputations. For such as Missionary Society, superintendent of the juvenile temperance work in the Northwest Auxiliary of the Woman's Christian Tem-perance Union, and second vice president of the Epworth League chapter of this church since its organization in 1891.



The feature of this mass meeting will be the initial bow which the choir will make. Mr. George E. Terry, the chairman of the committee on that work, has promised ex-

Mr. Terry was the assistant librarian of the Sunday school of Hamiline Church for two years, and for several years had charge of the music in the Sunday school and young people's meetings, and was their baring solving to the church check Start.

Wr. Harries evidently experienced some tone soloist in the church choir. Since las August he has transferred his membership to Grace M. E. Church, where he has been elected secretary and chorister of Grace Epworth League. His experience in music work has been very extensive in different church choirs of this city.

RUSE OF A DRUMMER BOY. His Body Found Among the Fallen Hungarian Guards.

From the London Daily News. Another name is added to the list of boy heroes of the French wars by the death of a drummer boy at the siege of Maubeuge, 100 years ago. The circumstances, overlooked at the time, were brought to light by modern historians of the French revolu-

Strauh, or Stroh, as it is also spelt, was a drummer of fourteen in the French royal Swedish regiment. It was on October 15. 1793. The Army of the Convention had undertaken to raise the siege of Maubeuge by the Austrians, and Strauh's regiment had the Austrians, and Strauh's regiment had been sent to occupy the village of Dourlers. Regardless of danger, the young drummer slipped through the lines of Austrian skir-mishers by hedges and ditches, and reached the center of the village, where he proceeded to perform on his drum a rattling call to

The enemy, believing that the French had occupied the village, retreated in disorder. This enabled the French to get up to the first houses of the village. By this time the Austrians had discovered how they had been played with, and were in no humor to forgive the author of their defeat. Strauh ran for his life, but too late. Surrounded in front of the church by Hungarian grenadiers, he fell, having himself shot down sev-

eral of his assailants.

A peasant hidden in a loft had witnessed the whole scene. Some years later in the depth of three or four feet surounded the army he met Strauh's brothers, who were little log hut.

Mr. George H. Harries Relates Many In-

teresting Personal Experiences.

Dangers of Editing in the Woolly West -Traveling Through a Blissard and Digging Through Snow.

Mr. George H. Harries of The Star lectured Thursday night before the Carroll Institute on "Some of the Difficulties of News Getting." The lecture was filled with bright remarks, clear descriptions and good advice. Speaking of the trials of gathering news, Mr. Harries said: "The average newspaper reader rarely stops to ask how the material is gathered which is served up to him day after day. He is not aware that the procuring of this paragraph, or that column story involved great hardship, or threatened life itself. He sees condensed into a thousand words the labor of, it may be, weeks, scans with impatience page after page, and then finding only little or perhaps nothing that seems to interest him, throws the paper down and abuses its management, because the history of that particular dayif it is an afternoon paper-or of the day before, if morning journal, is made up of details that are either few or dull, or both. He has no idea as to the number of people who were approached for information, but who either had nothing to say, or else, having something, declined to impart. One of the least hopeful sources of news is the man of prominence, who in days gone by was the victim of the errors born of poor penmanship on the part of a careless reporter or a puzzled printer. There is an innate deviltry in the best of chirography when a kindly deed is to be recorded. The most careful editing, the highest skill of the compositor and the searching scrutiny of the proofreader avail not in such instances. The rule has but few exceptions, I saw a scrap of fiction in a western paper some time ago which is essentially true and which illustrates my point. Jacob Preliman contributed a selection of toys to a children's The Morning Sun said that Jacob Pillman had been liberal enough to donate \$25 worth of toys to the children's hospital. The Evening Moon made a similar publication as to one James Pullimer; the Semi-Weekly Planet gave credit to the generous Job Pollin. Now, it happened that the man saw the three paragraphs, and he was so disgusted that he imbibed more liquor than he was licensed to carry. He also exercised manner. He was arrested and brought be fore the police justice, and the Morning Sun. the Evening Moon and the Semi-Weekly Planet were unanimous to the effect that Jacob Preliman had been fined \$10 for being drunk and disorderly. Is it at all strange that after such an experience Mr. Preliman avoided reporters? The Dangerous Side.

Speaking further on the same subject, Mr.

"Did you ever give a moment's thought to the dangerous side of the reporter's calling? Did you ever try to summarize the chances he takes? When you read of a great tragedy and of the murderer's desperate resistance to arrest does your mind ever revert to the man who wrote the story, and who was probably at the officer's side when the capture was made? A ten-line paragraph about a case of smallpox, but who knows anything of the reporter who hunted the rumor into an alley hovel and gave the authorities information which resulted in the defeat of the promissory pestilence? A mysterious disappearance, of which every reading man and woman devours all attain-able particulars; do they have any idea as to the identity of the men who day after day and night after night search the dens of iniquity, watch the trains and steam-boats, work side by side with, and often in advance of, the police in dragging the river or the lake? A great fire. Columns of de-scriptive matter in which may be found facts and describe the conflagration unless raw material given several they were where walls were crumbling and crushing out the lives of would-be saviors of life and property?

Difficult Editing. Speaking of personal experiences in the

wild wooly west the lecturer related some interesting experiences.

"My newspaper experiences on this continent," he said, "had their beginning in the 70's in the British northwest-the home of the mosquito, the thunderstorm and the blizzard. In those days there was but one newspaper printed between Winnipeg—then better known as Fort Garry—and the Rocky mountains. It was a rough country in those days—tenanted by some good people and by very many others who were not only far from good but who delighted in Adding these latter we had no respect, and they soon found it out. Occasionally, frequently I might say, editorial opinions would bring to our office a wrathy and intoxicated dissenter whose language or pugnacity gener-ally resulted in somebody's being mutilated and disabled. A complete roster of the men who hastly moved down the flight of twenty-eight steps that connected the sanctum with the street would be a list of all the tough characters that in those days infested western Manitoba. Once in a while a would-be censor of the press had no time to find the stairs—they were on one side of the house; our entrance was at the rear-and would reach the ground by a short cut that involved rolling over the roof of a one-story workshop, onto a consumptive cord-wood pile and thence to the ground. Men who forsook us by that route made it a point never to come again.

me rather hastily with a newly-purchased ax in his hands, of the shouted, but mysterious warning of an associate to let 'Dan' chase me upstairs; of my obedience, and of the terrific blow 'Dan' caught under one ear as he rushed after me through the open doorway; and all because my associate wanted to secure the ax-some conscienceless rascal having stolen ours a day or so before. Many a heated encounter took place in that room before it became definitely understood that unbiased criticism was one understood that unbiased criticism was one of the most sacred of editorial privilegesa prerogative that could not be abridged even by force of arms. Moral suasion

Mr. Harries evidently experienced some cold weather out in Manitoba. In one part

of his lecture he said: "Perhaps some of you have seen a blizzard-not one of those amateur disturbances, but a real shricking, freezing hurricane. If you have then you will the more readily appreclate one of the several encounters I have had with the disturbances that occasionally ruffle the snowy mantle that for at least five months together covers the prolific soil of 'the land of the Great discomforts of a lonely horseback ride over an open piece of country, with not a tree be-tween the traveler and the Arctio ocean, while the direct north wind roared cease-lessly and moved southward at the rate of nearly fifty miles an hour, picking up the fine snow and carrying it along in a neverthat the temperature was "7 below zero. Not once in ten minutes was it possible for the rider to see even a yard beyond his pony's nose; there was no semblance of a trail, and no visible landmark. For eight hours the struggle continued, and when it ended there was one of the worst cases of all-over frost bite that had ever been known

Mr. Harries related a number of thrilling escapes from cold and dangers, among them being a particularly distressing journey in Idaho.

"It was essential," said Mr. Harries, "that I should make the trip from Leesburg, in the richly-auriferous Prairie Basin, to a point in the Lemhi Valley, about fifty miles than eleven years ago when I scalded my mouth with some of Bob Martin's coffee and moved out into the snow which to the

PERILS OF NEWS GATHERING include a balloon. Many a time was I upset in the melting mass, and there were several narrow escapes from dangerous falls. Just about noon I reached the summit of the continent's backbone, and no one knows how glad I—perched on one of the most obtrusive vertebrae—was to see below me the Salmon and Lemhi rivers—two sinuous and black-hued threads. With persinuous and black-hued threads. With perhaps a trifle too much of confidence in my skill, I traveled very rapidly down the enticing declivities. Then came the last and most precipitous of the down grades with the snow line not more than a mile away. Half way down, when the speed was terrific, the strap of my right skil snapped and for a few yards I traveled on one foot. On my right hand was a ridge of rock, twenty feet above my head; on my left the snow sloped gradually for a thousand feet to the foothills. Before I realized what had happened, I was deep in the drift head downhappened. I was deep in the drift head down-ward, the momentum and my heavy pack assisting materially in my movement toward the center of the earth. It took me some time to work around until I could remove the incumbering skii, and when that had heen done and I was right rides up once had been done and I was right side up once more, and had collected my scattered senses, I figured it out that I was all of twelve feet below the surface. It was not a pleasant situation, but its seriousness did not strike me. I was annoyed at the delay which the accident would cause, and so overpowering was that feeling that the idea that I might never get out of the hole did not once occur to me. Five shots from my revolver broke to me. Five shots from my revolver broke the skii in two pleces, and with those ama-teur snow-snovels I proceeded to dig my way out. Step by step a stairway was con-structed, and when I at last reached the trail, the sun had vanished for that day. The prespect was still far from pleasant. The prospect was still far from pleasant. The evening's frost had not yet hardened the snow on the trail, so I had to distribute my weight as much as possible, which meant that I should travel in a prostrate fashion, imitating as nearly as possible the motion of a snake. Nobody knows how frequently I broke through; none of you without similar experience have any realizing sense of the pains suffered and the bruises acquired. But I got there at last, and when the snow was behind me, dropped on the soddened soil and slept for an hour utterly careless as to the heavily-falling rain. Weary beyond expression and with at least one ache for every bone and muscle in my anatomy, I arose and found the narrow trail, eight miles of which ended in the Salmon river. A sage brush and grease wood fire partially drfed my clothing, and then I slept until daylight and awakened to the realization that my objective point was more than thirty miles away—and had to be reached before night. The almost vanished sun was making indescribably beautiful the western slopes of the Pah-Simari hills when I reached my destination, there to rest for awhile before again starting out to secure such information as the public seemed to demand." The lecturer also touched in an interesting manner on experiences during Indian cam-paigns, and during the labor troubles at

TACT IN GIVING.

True Kindness Oft Demands the Exercise of Judgment. rom Jenness Miller's Monthly.
"Among the pleasures of wealth I count

few others equal to that I enjoy at the hol iday season in bestowing simple gifts that will give comfort to the worthy poor," said a charitable woman of lovely character a few days since. "I feel that the fortunate ly situated who miss the experience of personal visits to those in want and suffering at this season miss what would make their own lives richer and their hearts more graclous and kindly for the rest of the year." I was deeply interested and inquired into

this worthy woman's idea of true charity, and asked the privilege of accompanying her upon her mission of mercy to homes of poverty. She acquiesced, and I was surprised when she told me that most of her work was accomplished six weeks in advance of Christmas day.

"My idea of holiday help for the needy is to make the assistance bestowed as little like charity as possible," she said. "One can nake the recipients of gifts to be again bestewed upon others so much happier by giving these things several weeks ahead. I have found that a hurried visit to a desolate home, with a few gifts, at the last moevery little detail. Could the men who fol-lowed out these lines of detail secure the and mothers of a little family as happy as vance, to be worked into individual gifts for each child. It seems more as if they had not been given by others, when the mother can, with happy anticipation of the little one's delight, prepare the gifts for the Christmas stockings. The knowledge that her own little ones are not to be left desolate amid the general rejoicing of the sea-son will fill a humble, but loving, mother's heart with new joy and courage, in spite of adverse circumstances, for weeks before

> "I am going to several homes today," she continued, "and you may accompany me and judge the wisdom of my methods of gitt-bestowing."
> We started with her landau well filled

> with useful articles and a few well-selected toys for a humbler section of the city. At our first stopping place we found a mother and her four little ones. The father had been Filled in an accident the year before. The poor woman was evidently in the first stages of consumption, although not herself stages of consumption, although not herself aware of the fact. There was a sorrowful paucity of necessary comforts about the neat room that made one wonder what this mild-mannered creature had done to de-serve such a poor fate.
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> "Good day, Mary," said madam, cheer-fully. "I have brought you a few articles to be made up for the children for Christ-mas for I knew that you would knew that

> mas, for I knew that you would know just how to do these things to please them." The gifts bestowed were good warm stockings, a full bolt of flannel for dresses, some simple toys and an inexpensive doli to be dressed for the baby.
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> The poor woman's eyes brightened as she

who forsook us by that route made it a point never to come again.

"I have vivid recollection of the morning when an incensed 'rustler' (from whose person the editorial force had taken two overgrown revolvers and a knife) moved toward me rather hastily with a newly-purchased ax in his hands, of the shouted, but myson Christmas morning, and one could see that the idea of herself dressing the doll was the purest of pleasure.

"By the way, Mary, I trust that you will take this tonic regularly; it is something that I always take myself when a little run down. Five dollars will buy the goodies and a few little trifles for the holiday dinners," she added, slipping that amount into the poor woman's hand. "I shall want to see the children in their dresses; you can send Ellen over with the baby after the New Year to let me know how you are getting

When we left that home we left the mother with a glad smile upon her face.

"She will have the extra work of making to do," said madam, "but the happiness of doing the work herself will make her forget the bitterness of the fact that the gifts

get the bitterness of the fact that the gifts were those of charity."

One illustration will suffice. We made several calls, differing one from the other in the nature and circumstances of the recipients of madam's bounty only, for her invariable rule was, I found, to bestow her gifts with the well-studied and tactful intention to rob them of all sting and bitter. tention to rob them of all sting and bitterness, and especially to place the recipients of these gifts in the most independent possible position for realizing happiness from

I felt myself more en rapport with true charity than I had ever been before, after that afternoon's rich experience. I wish that this simple and altogether gracious manner of gift giving could be adopted by the many, for I am entirely satisfied that it would help to do away with much of the bitterness with which those of delicate feet. bitterness with which those of delicate fee ing accept charity when in extremity.

Few of us can understand all of the intricate problems of political and social economics, but most of us can grasp the human fact that those in comfort are under certain obligations to those in want, and not one of us but can feel the instinctive graciousness and beauty of the nature that gives with the generous wish to soften the mental as well as the physical distress

Animal Talk. From the Chicago Herald.

It will be remembered that when some time ago Prof. Garner went to Africa to study the monkey larguage there were many newspaper jokes perpetrated at his expense. But Paul du Chaillu, who has spent much of his life in Africa, believes distant. It was a dark morning in the lat- that Garner is right in his theory of the existence of a monkey language, although existence of a monkey language, although he does not commit himself to the notion that it is possible for man to acquire that language. When there are so many instances of horses, dogs and other animals learning so much of human language as to promptly obey commands given, it would be unreasonable to surpose that they had not some kind of a language of their own. The warning notes of danger that a hen gives to her chicks when a hawk is near, the warning that some snakes give to their and arranged for the mass meeting to be held on Monday night, as well as in visitation among the local chapters.

Miss Effie S. Perry, the second vice president, is in charge of the department of fracery and help.; From childhood Miss Perry, has been a member of Hamiline Sunday school, and for a number of years one of its most efficient teachers. Since the organisation of the Epworth League at Hamiline she has been its second vice president.

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